

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

105th Congress  
1st Session

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## COHEN NOMINATION/Secretary of Defense

**SUBJECT:** William S. Cohen, of Maine, to be Secretary of Defense. Confirmation.

**ACTION:** NOMINATION CONFIRMED, 99-0

**SYNOPSIS:** William S. Cohen was born August 28, 1940, in Bangor, Maine. He received an A.B. from Bowdoin College in 1962 and an LL.B. from Boston University in 1965. His employment history includes the following: practicing attorney, 1966-1972; Assistant Penobscot County Attorney, 1968; Instructor, Husson College, 1968; Instructor, University of Maine, 1968-1972; Bangor City Council, 1969-1972; Bangor Mayor, 1971-1972; United States Representative, 1972-1978; and United States Senator, 1979-1996.

**Those favoring** confirmation contended:

We are pleased to support the nomination of our former colleague, Senator Bill Cohen, to be Secretary of Defense. Senator Cohen is well known by all Members of the Senate for his distinguished 18 years of service in the Senate representing the people of Maine. Each of us is aware of his character, ability, and dedication. He has always been known for his forthrightness, for his independence, and for his commitment to the highest standard of ethics in public office. During his years in Congress, when his party pursued policies with which he disagreed, he did not shy away from stating his views. As Secretary of Defense, we expect that he will continue to be an independent voice. Senator Cohen has also always been known as someone who has the ability to forge compromises between disparate views, and who strongly supports Congress' active involvement in the formulation of defense policy. These qualities, combined with his unquestioned expertise in both defense and intelligence issues, should prove invaluable in uniting Congress and the Administration, and both parties, behind a common vision for America's defense.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to confirmation.**

| YEAS (99)                  |               |                           |               | NAYS (0)                 |                        | NOT VOTING (1)     |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Republican<br>(55 or 100%) |               | Democrats<br>(44 or 100%) |               | Republicans<br>(0 or 0%) | Democrats<br>(0 or 0%) | Republicans<br>(0) | Democrats<br>(1)          |
| Abraham                    | Hutchinson    | Akaka                     | Inouye        |                          |                        |                    | Rockefeller- <sup>2</sup> |
| Allard                     | Hutchison     | Baucus                    | Johnson       |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Ashcroft                   | Inhofe        | Biden                     | Kennedy       |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Bennett                    | Jeffords      | Bingaman                  | Kerrey        |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Bond                       | Kempthorne    | Boxer                     | Kerry         |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Brownback                  | Kyl           | Breaux                    | Kohl          |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Burns                      | Lott          | Bryan                     | Landrieu      |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Campbell                   | Lugar         | Bumpers                   | Lautenberg    |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Chafee                     | Mack          | Byrd                      | Leahy         |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Coats                      | McCain        | Cleland                   | Levin         |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Cochran                    | McConnell     | Conrad                    | Lieberman     |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Collins                    | Murkowski     | Daschle                   | Mikulski      |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Coverdell                  | Nickles       | Dodd                      | Moseley-Braun |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Craig                      | Roberts       | Dorgan                    | Moynihan      |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| D'Amato                    | Roth          | Durbin                    | Murray        |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| DeWine                     | Santorum      | Feingold                  | Reed          |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Domenici                   | Sessions      | Feinstein                 | Reid          |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Enzi                       | Shelby        | Ford                      | Robb          |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Faircloth                  | Smith, Bob    | Glenn                     | Sarbanes      |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Frist                      | Smith, Gordon | Graham                    | Torricelli    |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Gorton                     | Snowe         | Harkin                    | Wellstone     |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Gramm                      | Specter       | Hollings                  | Wyden         |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Grams                      | Stevens       |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Grassley                   | Thomas        |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Gregg                      | Thompson      |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Hagel                      | Thurmond      |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Hatch                      | Warner        |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |
| Helms                      |               |                           |               |                          |                        |                    |                           |

### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Buisiness
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay